--- "Series of 1881" - TOBACCO - Toronto Division "C 12" - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/4th pound - lithographed in black ink - *without* the 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **---**

--- inscribed *S.M. Return No. ..... / W. C. Stratton / Collector* **- 238 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---**

Chris Ryan reports that *W. C. Stratton* replaced *John Morrow* as Collector at Toronto on December 1st 1880.

John McKay records that 1,677,503 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 Black Tobacco" were "Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract**.

John McKay further records that 888,240 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 Black Tobacco" were "Delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract**. These are the lithographed strips from the "Series of 1883".

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) - 1,677,503

Working from the last recorded control number - as collected to date

Division Open	67,099
Hamilton Division	385,337
Montreal Division	15,979
Quebec Division	203,753
Quebec Division N 12	232,790
Toronto Division C 12	139,641
Windsor Division	252,124
	1,296,723

The catalogue lists the 1/4th pound, black, Toronto - C 12, TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-261 - 1/4 pound, black, perforated 12, Toronto - C 12, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RP-261n - 1/4th pound, black, perforated 12, Toronto Division **"C 13"**, *without* control numbering, Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - a remnant strip

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The following imperforate strip is an unfinished remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/4th pound, black, *imperforate*, Toronto Division **"C 13"**, *without* control numbering, Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - an unfinished remnant strip

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--- RP-261 - 1/4th pound - *perforated 12* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls ---

RP-261 - 1/4th pound, black, perforated 12, Toronto Division **"C 13"**, control number **139641**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper,
Stamped **2.8** **2'84** with violet ink in July 1884

047748	10/83	RP-261	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove, Stamped **2.8** **7 '83** by Licensee # *2*
087612	12/83	RP-261	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove, Stamped **2.8** **11 '83** by Licensee # *2*
139641★	07/84	RP-261	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove, Stamped **2.8** **2 '84** by Licensee # *2*

I find it interesting that these Toronto Division strips were used by "B. Houde Co." in Quebec City. This is not the only example to be found of one Division's strips being used by another Division.

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